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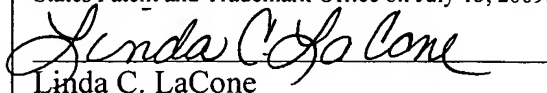
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SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form
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These foreign documents are GB 2 340 571 and EP 0 405 951 A1. These foreign documents were cited during the prosecution of the corresponding European patent application. GB 2 340 571 corresponds to US Patent No. 6,328,343 and EP 0 405 951 A1 corresponds to US Patent No. 5,026,200, both of which US patents are also listed on the attached PTO/SB/09 form. A copy of the EPC communication dated December 28, 2006 citing these two references is attached.

It is the Applicants' understanding that these two foreign documents were not accepted previously although listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed earlier in this application in that the copies were not legible in accordance with §1.98 (2) (i).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (b) (4) an information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant within any one of the following time periods which in this instance would fall under sub-paragraph (4) which states: "Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114." Applicants are filing an amendment and are currently filing a request for continued examination under §1.114.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Supplemental Information Disclosure statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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